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As the below-named inventor, I declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the invention entitled "AZIMUTHAL DRIVING SYSTEM FOR WIND TURBINES," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/07655, which was filed on 12 October 1999 and for which a patent is sought.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification and claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any). I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the foreign patent application listed below:

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